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Dear Harold,

In today's mail, I received a long letter from Mary Ferrell informing me that Buck died January 24 and he was buried on the 26th. She wrote great detail about it all and felt, now that she was relieved of the responsibility, she could write more ofren!! Such a lady!!!!!!! She has been tied down for many years and never complained. At least, the local newspaper finally recognized her efforts!! You probably know all this by now, but, I thought you might want it as direct from the horses mouth (Mary) as possible!! From her letter, I felt she was more relieved than sorrowful!! There is not much one can do at this point; She did not have an obituary printed - because she did not want lawyers from all over TX and LA bohering her. Sorry to write such news but, that's life!!!

I am enclosing the NY TIMES latest best-seller list and Hersh did not make a comeback - perhaps he is in one of the best cellars!!!! Such crap should not be called history!!!!!

Now that you have the word on Verb, I will probably find his letter in the next check up. I will address your comments in a future letter, when I have more time. I still cannot find the handles I had before I left on my annual trek. And the fake flu works so well I am actually starting to feel sick!!!

Best of everything,

Paul Haller

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